

## SUSPECT MURDER AND ARSON

### WOMAN DEAD IN BURNED HOUSE; COACHMAN MISSING.

Folded Portiere Found Covering the Victim's Head—Rings and Jewelry She Usually Wore Are Gone—Man Suspected Was Hired Late—Name Is Unknown.

The finding of the charred body of Mrs. Hannah B. Ross, a well-to-do widow, 64 years old, in the ruins of her home, which was destroyed by fire along with three other houses in High Street, Montclair, early yesterday morning, has led the police of that place to send out an alarm for the arrest of a man who was employed by the widow as coachman and who has not been seen since the fire.

The man was engaged by Mrs. Ross on Saturday last and not even his name is known. He was seen to enter the house at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening. The fire was discovered at about 3:30 the next morning. When no trace could be found of either the woman or the coachman it was supposed that both had perished in the flames. The closest search of the ruins, however, failed to disclose any trace of the man's body.

The body of the woman was found yesterday noon in a corner of the basement, resting on a set of bed springs, on which the mattress had been almost completely destroyed. The woman was lying on her side, with her right hand under her head. Over her head—and this is one of the circumstances that has aroused the suspicions of the police, and set them looking for the strange coachman—was a thick portiere, folded neatly four times.

The edges of the portiere appeared to have been tucked in around the head and pressed down. In fact, so tightly was the cloth pressed against the woman's face that it contained a well formed impression of her face. It had been made soft and shapeless by the fire, but was burned only around the edges on the under side of the body. Some of the brass rings by which the curtain was hung were still in it. Near the head also was a piece of lace curtain and this looked as though it hadn't come beside the body through the fire.

Enough clothing remained on the body to show conclusively that the woman had not retired for the night. Both legs were burned off at the knees and the left arm was also gone.

Mrs. Ross is known to have had a good many jewels, most of which were old-fashioned and quite valuable. She wore several diamond rings, it is said, on her left hand. The closest search was made by the police in the ruins, but no trace of them could be found, although they did find the remains of the hand. There were two rings on the right hand, but it was concealed under the head. No trace could be found either of the old-fashioned, heavy earrings which the woman was known to have worn, or of a large gold watch which she carried.

The coachman who is missing was engaged by Mrs. Ross Saturday last. She had the reputation in Montclair of being eccentric and irascible and was always having trouble with her servants. She used to tell her neighbors about these quarrels and how hard it was for her to keep servants. Richard Christian and his wife, colored, of 113 Mechanic street, Newark, worked for her longer than anybody else in the memory of Montclair folks, and it was Christian's decision to leave which led the old woman to advertise for a coachman in a Newark paper.

On Saturday afternoon a Newark lawyer, Edward S. Black, was with Mrs. Ross at her home consulting with her regarding the drawing of her will when three men, each less than 30 years old, approached the house together. They had come, they said, in answer to the advertisement. Mrs. Ross was about to sign the will when they arrived and invited one of them in to act as a witness. She got the wife of a neighbor to be another witness. Lawyer Black left as soon as the document was signed and does not know whether the man who signed it was the one that was arrested. At any rate, one of the three men got the job.

The Montclair police refused last night to make public the name of the man whose signature was on the document, but they say that he gave a Newark address and that investigation has shown that no man of that name ever lived there.

Mrs. Ross's new coachman was short and stocky, with pronounced Irish features, brown hair and dark blue eyes. He had, it is said, the look of a pug and he began work at the Ross house on Saturday night. The negro and his wife who had been employed by the widow were not to leave until Monday, and the stranger, who told his predecessor that he was known as Bob, was lodged temporarily in the widow's "bird room" on the second floor.

This bird room, which adjoined the widow's bedroom, was a rather notable feature of a somewhat peculiar house. In it Mrs. Ross kept several pet birds, a large number of canaries, squirrels and other pets. In it also was an oil stove, but this, it is said, was lighted only on the coldest nights, and the temperature on Wednesday night was fairly moderate. Those who arrived on the scene first say that the fire could not have started from it.

The new coachman, it is said, continued to occupy the "aviary" as a sleeping apartment after the old coachman and his wife left. He did not associate with any of the other workmen and was seldom seen downtown except as he was sent on errands by the old woman. About noon on Wednesday, according to the story which one of the Montclair postmen tell the police, the coachman was quarrelling with Mrs. Ross in the house.

The postman said that he heard their voices when he approached the door, but he did not think anything of that, because he knew that Mrs. Ross often had words with her servants. A few minutes later he saw the coachman leaving the house. The next seen of him by neighbors, and so far as is known the last, was when he returned about 6 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Ross was seen by a neighbor about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, but not to talk.

To Mrs. James I. Peck, the woman who acted as a witness for the will, Mrs. Ross had said only a day or two ago that she was going to discharge the new man, as she thought he had a bad face and was inclined to be afraid of him.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Walter Edwards, who lives almost directly across the road from the Ross house. She noticed the reflection of the light from the windows on the second floor of the widow's house. At that time the fire was burning in Mrs. Ross's bedroom, and it is the opinion of those who arrived on the scene first that it started there.

## POLICE AND PICKPOCKET DIVVY

### CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL OFFICE MEN, JEROME SAYS.

Halves Is the Rule, but if the Thief Gets a Fine Diamond the Officer Takes It—Raines Law a Blackmail Pump—Price Went Up on the Roosevelt Risk.

"There is not a place in the city of New York where street cars run that the pickpockets are not working under distinct contract with Central Office men," said District Attorney Jerome, in his address last night before Club A of the People's Institute.

He was talking about the enormity of the blackmail system. "There is a crook in the Tombs now," he continued, "whom I asked about the division of the spoils, and I want to say right here that I know what he told me. He said that the whack-up was made on a basis of 50 per cent. for each side, except in some cases where the pickpocket got an unusually fine stone, and then the officer takes it all. A politician was recently robbed of his diamond stickpin on a surface car, and he appealed to a Central Office man to help him recover it. The detective asked him in which section of the town he had lost the stone. That was all he wanted to know. In a few days the politician got back his pin."

"If the people of this town only knew the true hideous iniquity of the blackmail system, they would rise up in their might and annihilate it. If they knew the true character of the higher officials of the police force, it would be another case of Montana and California with their vigilantes."

Mr. Jerome's speech was a plea in favor of the passage of his amendment to the excise law permitting saloons to sell liquor after church hours on Sunday, but the discussion took a much wider range. In answer to questions he said that the greatest evil in the country was that the judiciary as a rule was elected instead of being appointed.

"And let me add," he continued, "that the greatest peril to the labor movement in this country is the misunderstanding now so prevalent on the question of injunctions for the thing that is going to stand between the labor organizations and their oppressors in the future is the injunction of the Federal courts, in spite of the idea that is held of it to-day by members of trade unions."

Mr. Jerome also took a shot at Charles Sprague Smith, director of the People's Institute, who was not present. He said that Mr. Smith was like a great many other worthy citizens who did not want the excise law amended and at the same time would do nothing toward its enforcement. He had asked Mr. Smith to help him in getting the amendment passed, but Mr. Smith refused on the ground that he did not believe in it.

"Well, you help me to get the law as it stands enforced?" Mr. Jerome asked Mr. Smith, but he wouldn't.

In answer to a question drawn out by this statement, the District Attorney said he was radically opposed to "all this foolishness about the referendum." It looked fair on the outside, but was the most undemocratic thing in the world, and the talk about it in this country was an academic dream.

The Raines law could not be enforced under present conditions in this city, he said; but any one with an ounce of intelligence could devise a means of enforcing it. "But the Legislature is not legislating in the best interests of the people," he said. "You are right." And one party is just as bad as the other. Neither side wants a change in the Raines law, because it is so well adapted to squeezing money out of saloon keepers all over the State.

The speaker said that the attempts to enforce the law under Strong and Low had made it impossible to elect their successors on the reform ticket. He asked, "What in God's name did we get as a recompense for it? We got less than one-fiftieth of one per cent. of the offenders in court. Even Theodore Roosevelt, with the whole police force at his back, could not bring the offenders to justice. The only result of his strenuous efforts to enforce the excise law was to put up the price of blackmail from \$5 a month to \$15 and \$20 on the ground that under a reform administration the risk of giving preference to lawbreakers was so much greater."

"In reality there should be two kinds of statute books. One should be the moral yardstick statute book in which should be recorded the great but non-enforceable ideals and the other a book in which the statutes that can be enforced should be written."

In one of the statements Mr. Jerome made about the iniquities of the blackmail system he told the audience he would treat them if it was not so. Joe Johnson, the manager of the Subway Tavern, who followed the District Attorney, said he was in a position to make good Mr. Jerome's promise and invited all hands to the heavenly bar—not the bar of heaven.

## TOBY CLAUDE BROTHERS

### Poor Thing Can't Pay \$1,885 for Clothes She Has Bought.

Harriette M. Standing, an actress, under the name of Toby Claude, who has resided at 142 West Forty-ninth street and 40 West Forty-fifth street within the past six months, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities \$1,882 and no assets. The debts were contracted in 1903 and 1904, for wearing apparel, photographs, shoes, medical services, etc. Among the creditors are Julia W. C. Carroll, \$1,087; Mrs. Joseph Osborn, \$60; Fifth Avenue, \$50; Mrs. Kirkland, \$30; and Arnold, Constable & Co., \$150, all for wearing apparel; Burr McIntosh, \$45; and Mr. Garo of Boston, \$50, both for photographs, and the Boston Music Hall Amusement Company, \$800 damages for breach of contract.

Schwab to Build Fifty Homes for Workmen. ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 23.—Charles M. Schwab, former head of the United States Steel Corporation, has let the contract for fifty houses, to be used by his workmen in the mills at Williamsburg, a town near here. The contract amounts to about \$100,000.

TOUR TO DENVER VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, ACCOUNT OF EPOCHWORTH LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. On account of the Epworth League International Convention at Denver, Colorado, July 25 to 28, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally conducted tour to Denver leaving New York by special Pullman train at 12:25 noon. Tickets will be good return by regular trains until July 15th. Rate from New York \$6.50, covering round trip transportation and Pullman accommodations and all meals in dining car, on going trip. Proportionate rates from other points. Details of C. Stude, Eastern Passenger Agent, No. 203 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

THE SEABOARD FLORIDA LIMITED maintains quickest schedule in both directions between New York and St. Augustine. A super train leaving New York every day at 12:25 noon. Office 1183 Broadway.—Ad.

Quickest Line to Cleveland. Leave New York 3:20 P. M. arrive Cleveland 7:15 A. M. morning. Cleveland 10:15 P. M. arrive New York 3:20 P. M. St. Louis 9:45 P. M. by New York Central. Price Service. No excess fare.—Ad.

## BRYAN ADVICE TO ROOSEVELT.

### Suggests That the President Refuse Favors From Railroads.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.—Mr. Bryan thinks a part of the President's sincerity in his anti-railroad campaign would be a refusal to accept favors from them. He says:

"Thoughtful people credit the President with being sincere in his position on the railway rate matter, but would he not be in a better position to push his fight if he were not under obligations to the railroads for favors received? The claim that railroads like to carry the President's special because of the advertising it brings is silly in the extreme. They carry the President for the same reason that they carry Congressmen, Senators, members of State Legislatures, Federal and District Judges, county attorneys and influential politicians."

"President Roosevelt can strengthen his position by refraining from accepting railroad favors in future."

## FIFTY PERSONS LOST.

### Schooners Wilbur and Quinebaugh Were Probably in Collision—Wreckage Found.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The first linking of the fate of the four masted schooner Charles E. Wilbur was contained in a cable message received this morning from Bermuda.

About eight feet of the stern part of the vessel drifted ashore on Northwest Beach, and a board 12 feet long was picked up with the name Charles E. Wilbur cut in the wood and glued.

The appearance of the wreckage indicated that the forward part of the vessel had been cut off by collision with some other craft. The Wilbur, a new vessel on her maiden trip with cargo, sailed from Darien, Ga., on Nov. 8, for New York, with a cargo of piling and was never heard from. It had been supposed that the schooner foundered in one of the gales which swept the Atlantic shortly after she sailed.

The Wilbur was what is known as a "bald headed" schooner, that is, she carried no topmasts. The only other vessel of this particular type was the schooner Quinebaugh, owned by the same men as the Wilbur. The Quinebaugh also disappeared after sailing from Savannah on Nov. 6, for New York, also laden with piling.

Shipping experts believe, from the reports received from Bermuda, that the Quinebaugh and the Wilbur were in collision and that both vessels foundered. Capt. Cook was in command of the Wilbur and Capt. Vetterling of the Quinebaugh. The crew of each vessel numbered twenty-four men. On board the Quinebaugh, besides the regular crew, were the captain's wife and brother-in-law.

## SIMPSON TUNNEL THROUGH.

### Eight Year Work of Boring the Alps Thought to Have Been Ended.

BERNE, Feb. 23.—Probably the piercing of the Simpson tunnel is now completed. The last news was that only a few feet separated the Swiss and Italian workmen at the point the engineers had in their plans arranged as the place of meeting.

Snowstorms have since stopped the telegraphic but it is likely that the workmen from the Italian and Swiss sides of the great tunnel shook hands with each other this afternoon. The work of constructing the tunnel began in 1898. It is 12½ miles long.

## EX-SENATOR ROSS DEAD.

### Injuries Received When His Wife Was Killed Prove Fatal.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Feb. 23.—The Hon. Jonathan Ross, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont, and ex-United States Senator, died at Brightlight Hospital to-day as the result of injuries received on Tuesday afternoon, when his sleigh was struck by a train. Mr. Ross was killed. Judge Ross had been unconscious most of the time since the accident.

Mr. Ross was born in 1828, at Waterford, Vt. He entered Dartmouth College in 1847 and was graduated in 1851. While gaining his early education he worked on his father's farm in the summer and in the winter taught school in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. After graduating at Dartmouth he taught in Craftsbury and was principal of the academy at Chelsea, Vt. While living in the latter town he studied law and was admitted to the Orange county bar in 1858.

Judge Ross formed a law partnership with A. J. Willard of St. Johnsbury, which continued for about two years. He then practiced by himself until 1855, when he went in business with G. A. Burbank. After a year's association with Mr. Burbank he formed in 1856 a partnership with W. P. Smith, which continued until he was elected in 1870 an Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court. He was elected Chief Justice in 1870.

Judge Ross was State Attorney for Caledonia county in 1862-63. He represented St. Johnsbury in the Legislature in 1865, 1866 and 1867, and for several years was a member of the State Board of Education.

In 1868 he was a member of the last council for censors held in the State. He represented Caledonia county in the State Senate in 1870, the year he was elected to the Supreme Bench.

## TRAIN BLOCKED FIRE ENGINE.

### Eleventh Avenue Hold-up Gives Lumber Fire Great Headway.

A four story building at 640 West Fifth street was destroyed by fire last night and Schwartzwalder's lumber yards adjoining were partly burned. If it hadn't been for the fireboats New Yorker and McClellan, the damage, which Chief Croker estimated at \$15,000, would have been much greater.

The fire was discovered in the building by a watchman employed near by. The first fire engine was blocked by a long train of freight cars on Eleventh avenue. The cars were at a standstill and the man in charge of the fire engine didn't budge.

The fire engine whistled for the train to move on, and when it wasn't moved men were sent hurrying south on the avenue to tell the engine to get busy. The train was so long that they had to run several blocks to catch up with the engine. Even then it took ten minutes before the firemen could cross Eleventh avenue.

This gave the fire great headway. In addition, many of the fire hydrants near the burning building were frozen.

## THE GULF COAST—NEW ORLEANS.

Special train to New Orleans. Railroad March 2 to 5, inclusive. Rate, \$7.50, covers all necessary expenses, including train and meals. Special Pullman train, leaving New York at 10:30 P. M. St. Louis 9:45 P. M. St. Paul 9:45 P. M. New York City. No. 203 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## BAG ONE MORE SICK ENGINEER

### AND HIS PAL, WHO SHOWED WALL STREET TO A DETECTIVE.

All the Curb, It Appears, Was Yelling for Eagle Gold and Copper at \$3.75 and Couldn't Get It Because It Was So Rare—Sick Engineer Offered 2,000 at \$2.

The "sick engineer" a swindler, which landed last night in Sing Sing, is still working, and two of the con men who work it were landed yesterday by Central Office Detective McKenna, who could make more money on the stage than he does on the force. Capt. O'Brien thought that this advertisement, which he found in a morning paper on Feb. 12, had a fishy look.

Any one with \$5,000 cash can make \$5 per cent. on same in short time; legitimate business deal; made on money; apostle interview. A. A. O'Brien told McKenna to look into it and assigned Detectives Devery and Cassano to help. McKenna, as Richard Morris, wrote a note to A. A. and got into communication with "H. B. Clayton" at the Metropolitan Hotel, Broadway and Twenty-seventh street.

Clayton knew a sick engineer and Copper Mining stock at \$2, although it was worth \$4. McKenna, who posed as a retired bookseller from Boston, said he'd take \$5,000 worth at least and give Clayton half he made on the deal.

As McKenna had never been in New York before, Clayton showed him Wall Street yesterday. He pointed out Trinity Church, and declared that his great-grandfather had been baptized there. Down where the Broad street curb brokers play Clayton dived into the crowd and when he came back he said:

"They're all yelling for Eagle Gold and Copper at \$3.75."

Clayton took McKenna into Jules S. Bache's office at 30 New street and asked for the quotations on Eagle Gold and Copper stock. He was told in the office that no record of the stock could be found and that it certainly wasn't an active one.

There, said Clayton to McKenna, "you see, they can't get any deal in it. It's a scarce stock, I tell you."

From Wall street the pair went to the Washington Hotel, in Jersey City. In Room 102 they found the sick engineer. He was introduced as Mr. Montez. He appeared to be crippled by rheumatism, and he certainly was good at groaning. He had no heart for business, but he wanted ready cash, even at a great sacrifice. After considerable talk he produced a greasy-looking wallet from under the mattress. In this wallet were 2,000 shares of the stock. McKenna agreed to buy it, but said he would have to come back to this city for the money.

Clayton and he came back here and, once on this side of the river, McKenna arrested him, much to his surprise. At Headquarters Clayton gave his name as Frank Montez, and in Jersey City, when Chief of Police Murphy begged the other swindler, that he had given his name as Horatio B. Clayton and immediately recovered his health. It is doubtful if O'Brien can hold his prisoner, but Chief Murphy thinks he can send him to jail for attempted swindling. This one had an oplan layout, which was seized.

## FINE ARTS CELEBRATION.

### Pennsylvania Academy Celebrates Its 100th Birthday Anniversary.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding to-night with a banquet seated for 200 artists and laymen in the main gallery of the academy. There were twenty-four women present.

A feature of the evening was the award of the \$300 second Lippincott prize to Alexander Stirling Calder and two academy gold medals of honor to William T. Richards and Violet Oakley. These announcements, particularly the latter, were met with great enthusiasm.

A special train brought a large contingent from New York to the banquet. These included Sir Casper Purdon Clarke, the newly elected director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art; Herbert Adams, John W. Alexander, Howard Russell Butler, Charles H. Coffin, J. H. Chapin, William Chase, Charles Chauncey, Thomas S. Clarke, William A. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cooper and Kenyon and Mrs. Cox.

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## TEASIN' AN' CODGIN' HER.

### She's All Right, but Coon's Letter Lands Him in a Tenderfoot Cell.

Charles Augustus Wilson of 215 West Twenty-ninth street, a tall, lanky negro waiter out of a job, wandered into a photograph parlour at 40 Sixth avenue last night and told the proprietor, George Seigel, to write a letter for him, as he was unlearned in the art. Wilson dictated as follows:

MA DEAR LADY LOVE: Ain't no use o' me hangin' round. I ain't got no job any more; nor no money, an' I ain't got no home. I'm in a fix. I want to hear from you. That's what I is, an' nobody cares for me any more.

In goin' to take a walk, that's what I'm goin' to do. I'm goin' down to Twenty-third street an' I'm goin' to get on one o' them boats an' make that boat's out in the river. I'm goin' to make a hole in that river. You ain't never see me no more.

Good-bye from your loving sweetheart which you has done thrown down. CHARLES AUGUSTUS WILSON.

After Seigel had written the letter and watched Wilson depart, he got to thinking that perhaps the letter was not a bluff. He consulted with Policeman McAnerny. Wilson was caught after a short chase down the street, and landed in the Tenderfoot station as a suspicious person. Wilson told the sergeant that he had no idea of killing himself.

"I may be a fool nigger," he said, "but I'm not so foolish as that. I was just a teasin' an' codgin' that gal."

## LEGISLATIVE BILL STOLEN.

### Anti-Pool Selling Measure Disappears From the Office of a Clerk in Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—The original draft of the Godfrey anti-pool selling bill, the substitute for which was adopted on Tuesday by the House of Representatives, has disappeared from the office of the chief clerk. An investigation is being made to determine the whereabouts of the bill. The original bill, in the nature of an amendment, the action of the House in passing the bill, which prohibits all betting on horse races in the State, becomes null and leaves the Breckinridge law just as it stands.

## ANSON FOR CITY CLERK OF CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—In Democratic circles to-day it was agreed that Capt. Adrian C. Anson would be the nominee for City Clerk at Saturday's convention. Both the Dunne and Harrison elements of the party predicted that the captain would receive the caucus endorsement to-morrow night without opposition.

## BOMB FOR SENATOR PENROSE?

### Addressed to Him and Left in the Private Letter Box of an Artist.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—An infernal machine, addressed to United States Senator Penrose, was found this morning by Archibald J. Williams, an artist, in his private mail box at 1210 Market street, where he has his studio. It is believed that the instrument was left in the box temporarily by its maker, who had intended to return later for it. The fact that there were no stamps on it confirms this theory.

Half an hour before the discovery of the machine Mr. Williams had emptied the mail box of its contents. He says there was nothing of the kind in it at the time. The fact that on the day previous a messenger boy took a mysterious package addressed to Senator Penrose to the Hotel Walton, and upon finding the Senator was not there refused to leave it, strengthens the belief of the police that there was a plot against Senator Penrose's life. The police are now searching for the messenger.

## DYKE KEPT ON SHORT COMMONS.

### American Wife Doesn't Let Manchester Throw Away Money.

DUBLIN, Feb. 23.—In the course of the hearing of a suit brought by a land agent named O'Carroll to recover £750 commission for procuring a loan of £10,000 for the Duke of Manchester, counsel stated that the Duchess, who was formerly Helena Zimmmerman of Cincinnati, kept control of her fortune. She did not throw her money away and she did not give it to the Duke to throw away.

Consequently he was unable to pay debts his extravagance had incurred. The hearing was adjourned. It is understood that the Duke is in the United States.

## WOULDN'T BELIEVE A JEW SOUTH.

### Jury in General Sessions Sent Away as Ineligible.

"I cannot serve," said Abraham Abrams, foreman of the jury that was about to take up yesterday the case of two boys charged with burglary before Judge McMahon in General Sessions. "There is a member of this jury who has said that he would not believe a Jew under oath."

William N. Denman, an agent, of 140 Nassau street was the juror. He made no denial.

"That being the case," said Judge McMahon, "you are not eligible as a juror and you are excused."

The two burglars were then convicted. When Judge McMahon was examining the jury for the February panel one of the talesmen said he wouldn't believe a policeman under oath. It turned out that he had been convicted of running a disorderly house.

## THINKS FLYNN GIRL IS DEAD.

### Father of Missing Stenographer Cannot Otherwise Explain Her Disappearance.

The search for missing Mamie Flynn, the young Brooklyn stenographer who disappeared on Friday last, is still going on and the police of all the large cities have been asked to look for her. The parents of the girl are sure that she is not staying away from home willingly.

Miss Flynn is 23 years old. She was stenographer and confidential clerk for E. O. Jacobsen & Co. of 2 Stone street, Manhattan, and had her power of attorney, by which her name to a check for \$50,000 would be honored at their bank. Mr. Jacobsen has assured the police that the missing girl's accounts are correct to a cent.

"Nothing but death could keep that girl from coming home," declared her father, John Flynn, last night. "She was a home loving girl and I am sure she must be dead."

## J. F. SCHENCK'S WILL MISSING.

### Search of His Private Papers in Lenox Falls to Reveal It.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 23.—The will of the late J. Frederick Schenck of New York is missing, and a search of all his private papers in Lenox and New York has failed to reveal it. Mr. Schenck is known to have made his will several years ago and it was supposed that the papers were in his desk in his Lenox residence, Valley Head, where a search for the will was made following his death three weeks ago.

Some investigation has been made in New York for the papers, and the vaults of the New York Trust Company are to be searched to-morrow for the will. Mr. Schenck has been appointed special administrator of the property of his late husband. He held valuable stocks, bonds and other properties which needed immediate attention. He was rated as a millionaire.

## REVENGE ON A LEGISLATOR.

### Girl Whom He Didn't Marry Defends One of His Bills, He Says.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.—A bill to require the keeping of gasoline in red painted cans, in order to distinguish its contents from kerosene, failed of passage in the Senate to-day, after having received sanction in the House. Its author, Representative Foster of Douglas county, declares that its defeat was secured by Miss Olive Utt, private secretary to her uncle, Lieut.-Gov. McGillivray, who used her influence and her acquaintance with Senators to smother the measure.

Foster is a young dentist of Omaha, where Miss Utt resides. Several years ago they were engaged to be married, according to the Representative, but the engagement was broken and afterward he married another. The defeated measure was Foster's pet bill, and he declares it was to